Opportunist May Day Follies

There were a few comical moments in the opportunist attacks on revolution. Each year, since the American Federation of Labor took over May Day, the CPML (The Call) and the Trotskyists have tried to do this. In 1980, for example, the Trotskyists ran a news item called “Internatioiu
iul Barricades of Class Struggle” to follow on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. The Call published a critique for May Day and the days to follow on the May Day programs going on in the U.S. that they had better try to do something.

Finally there was the old, revisionist “Comrade” or “C.P.” feature, where CPML members and supporters in the U.S. sent messages to The Call. The counter-revolutionary punk that spilled out of the pages of The Call in 1980 was obvious and unambiguous. It was a classic example of The Call’s distorted vision of the “personal classificiation” in various “entertainment” magazines. A sampling of this “revolutionary material”: “in fact, we’re not making “comrades” with the so-called “working class” (the Revisionists). We are working with our fellow workers at the Athenium Room (upright friends)!!” “Ralph. Here’s spendid news for you and your tribe. We will now be doing a series of articles on the workers of Chicago”...

The CPML’s May Day message to the “proletariat” is that May Day is more than a day of rest. It is a day of the international workers’ struggle. And “May Day is a day of struggle” (The Call)...

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May Day has its impact everywhere. Within the “left” in Western Europe, many have had their heads turned. There is a serious weight to the significance of the actual working-class struggles, and “battles” of the people... While others—opponents of various stripes—from the old revisionist “Communist” to the bureaucratic “Communists” (“The Call”) and the Trotskyists—continue to send their flimsy articles and pages of their papers into breeding broodpiles of counter-revolutionary propaganda... The Call continues to send out its propaganda of counter-revolution and base its attacks on the weaknesses of the workers... But the worsening economic situation and the real growing danger of war have created conditions that can be seized advantage of by the left-wing movement in every country. Of course, most opportunists require some translation, but this is fairly clear. The projections of decadence are really old hat for these opportunists, who for years have been producing propaganda for the imminent collapse of the RCP, which has, instead, grown in strength and influence. Much more interesting than this is their rather open warning—just to fellow opportunists, but actually to the U.S. bourgeoisie itself. Watch out, the RCP could really trouble ahead! The point here is to take comfort in the recognition of the Party’s influence and potential influence. The point is to grasp what these opportunists are most concerned about—what the correct of mounting war-preparations and “counter-revolution” will be, there will be a force—the RCP—paving the way for some of the more powerful educating them that the war.

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